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Swavesey RADSOC presents our annual pantomime...

Swavesey Village College – January 2019

By Bob Hammond

Dick Whittington

By arrangement with LazyBee Scripts

Friday 25th - 7:30pm

Saturday 26th - 2:30 & 7:30 pm

Sunday 27th - 2:30pm

Single & Family tickets available Book Online at

www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk

or contact 07504 552870

EDITORIAL

Here we are at the end of another year Christmas is approaching will it snow? whatever the weather there are lots of things going on in Swavesey to get you in the right mood for the festive season.

Come and Carol in St Andrew's Church, Carols on the Recreation Green and just when you thought it was all over its the RADSOC pantomime "oh no it isn't oh yes it is!"

New opportunities in community education classes there may be something here for you or a family member.

The big question - will the A14 be finished? who knows? my crystal ball does not show much in this direction! I am sure that you like me will be very glad when it is done and hopefully there will be less heavy traffic taking a shortcut through Swavesey every time there is a hold up on the A14!

Planning a spring fundraiser/event? then let us know -the deadline for the next issue which covers February and March is 20th December!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all The Meridian team

Editor

Cover Image - A Winters Day by Edwin Parish

Inside Front Cover - RADSOC - Dick Wittington

Inside Back Cover - Hexachordia

Back Cover - Swavesey Christmas Carols on the Village Green

(For Swavesey Community Choir Carols - see page 13)

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

11 December 2018	Swavesey Village College	Illuminate - a celebration of Dance, Drama & Music by the students. Ticket details contact the college (01954) 230366
12 December 2018	Swavesey Village College	Illuminate - a celebration of Dance, Drama & Music by the students. Ticket details contact the college (01954) 230366
14 December 2018	St Andrews	A Medieval Evening with music by Hexachordia and a medieval Mystery Play. 7.30pm in St Andrews church
15 December 2018	Swavesey Community Choir	Come and Carol - 7.30pm at St Andrews Church
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09 February 2019	April Burgess Martin School Of Ballet	Energise Dance Showcase come and see young dancers from across East Anglia! 2pm & 7.30pm. tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December		
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Wednesday 12	Swavesey Village College	Illuminate - a celebration of Dance, Drama & Music by the students Ticket details contact the college (01954) 230366
Wednesday 12	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Christmas Social
Thursday 13	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 14	St Andrews	A Medieval Evening with music by Hexachordia and a medieval Mystery Play. 7.30pm in St Andrews church
Saturday 15	Swavesey Community Choir	Come and Carol - 7.30pm at St Andrews Church
Monday 17	Parish Council	Full Council Meetings held at The Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm
Saturday 22	St Andrews & Bethel	Swavesey Christmas Carols on The Village Green 6pm to 7.30pm
January		
Wednesday 9	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Vince Lea - "Working with the Wildlife Trust at Hardwick Wood a Presentation on the Benefits of Coppicing - and Problems with Deer"
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CLUB REPORTS

1st Swavesey Scouts News

For those of you who have attended Beavers, Cubs or Scouts in Swavesey over the past 10 years, chances are you would have had either Lynda Mayer, Lisa Boyes or Abigail Nathan as one of your leaders.

Between them they have been involved in the group for over 20 years and have helped lots of children from Swavesey and surrounding villages, experience numerous different activities.

As of December 18th they have all decided that it is now time for them to hang up their woggles for the very last time.

On behalf of all the children, parents and leaders that you have had during your time within the group over the years, THANK YOU for everything.

It will be a big loss for the Scout Group as they will all be sadly missed.

If you feel that you can help in any way with the Scout Group, then please get in touch with jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk for more details.

We NEED you.
Can you HELP?

1st Swavesey Cub Group is CLOSING

Unless we can get some people to step forward and take over the running of the Cubs, it will shut on Tuesday 18th December 2018.

We need to find sufficient adults that can keep the Cub pack running.
Are you up for the challenge of becoming either a leader or an assistant leader?
Do you know of anybody who would share the role with you on a rota?

If you are interested in keeping the Cub pack open but are unsure if you could commit to every week, please still get in contact. If nobody comes forward, then the group will CLOSE at the end of this term.

Please do get in touch and we can help answer any questions or concerns that you may have regarding the Cub group.

The contact details are: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk

We do hope to hear from you soon.

Now we are six

One Saturday morning in autumn 2012 a team from the original working group of the new allotment site in Hale Road marked out all four corners of all 60 plots with flimsy bamboo canes. Then in the afternoon all tenants signed the Tenancy Agreement in Swavesey Memorial Hall, paid their first year rent and were told which plot had randomly been allocated to them in The White Horse the evening before. Many went off to the site to stake their claim. Strongly against the odds for a start-up allotment site, the vast majority of us are still here today.

We decided at the start that the plot size recommended by the National Allotment Society was imprudently large for Swavesey residents and carried the risk that unused land would become weedy. So, we went for half the recommended area and all plot holders are relieved and agree this is big enough to grow plenty of fresh food while not being so big that digging in autumn and weed control throughout the season become difficult tasks. We also have quite a few half-size plots which serve as starter plots for new tenants whose previous horticultural experience was mainly just cutting the lawn. After gaining confidence over 3 or 4 years some have upgraded to one of our full size plots.

All of our plots have been occupied every year so far but on a 60-plot site there are inevitably some vacancies by spring each year as the new growing season starts which is a good time to get going. So if you are interested in taking on a plot in early 2019 contact Selwyn on 01954 202974 or e-mail selwyn.richardson1@gmail.com.

Our site has many impressive features from rabbit and deer-proof fencing all round and a large, solid car park to an £11,000 waterless toilet and eight large water tanks such that nobody walks more than 30 metres to water. We continue to add further nice touches and in 2018 one of our plot holders kindly manufactured 16 new, shiny silver metal water tank lids with snug-fitting handles, all colour matched to the original water tanks. We received a grant from South Cambs Community Chest Fund to pay for topping up the road planings on the car park and a further grant from Cambridge Student Rag Fund to install solar powered lighting in the toilet cubicle. For 2019, we are in contact with RSPB in Market Street for guidance on erecting a barn owl nesting box on a telegraph pole at the north western corner of our site.

Because we are a self-managed site we work well as a team on various communal activities throughout the year. At the start of Swavesey Festival 2018 we opened our site to visitors and manned a produce stall and this was a very successful weekend all round. Then at the end of the Festival we organised the Village Show in the marquee which attracted almost 500 entries and hordes of visitors despite competition from very hot weather and the World Cup. In the following week we had around 40 SVC students on site over a 3 day period doing several helpful jobs from wheelbarrowing shredded bark out to plots and applying wood preserver to posts and rails to rounding up horse manure at the busway end. At the end of August, we delivered Compass Café in Bethel Baptist church, enhanced by very fresh produce from our plots. Finally, we held a weekend produce sale in our car park on 8/9 September. The big advantage of holding the sale in the allotment car park is that when we were running low on carrots, runner beans, raspberries, tomatoes. potatoes, beetroot, cabbages, sweetcorn, marrows, swedes, leeks or parsnips we immediately rushed out and brought back the freshest fruit and vegetables that you could ever buy. Our Chairman had promised that if our sale raised up to £199 for funds we could afford one 15-tonne lorry load of soil improver (green bin compost) from AmeyCespa at Waterbeach whereas £200 or more would justify purchasing two lorry loads. We raised £203.

SWAVESEY W.I.

Dates for Diary

Dec 10th	CAKES by Rosie Hurcombe
Jan 14th 2019	RESOLUTIONS and an AUCTION.
Feb 11th	ANGLIAN WATER.

In October, members hosted their Group Meeting and the Speaker for this occasion was Heidi Allen M.P. who spoke about her role as a woman in Parliament today. The Meeting was very well attended and to finish the evening, members enjoyed a Ploughman Supper.

At November's Meeting, Swavesey W.I. celebrated their 90th Birthday.

We meet every second Monday in the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Visit the Memorial Hall Noticeboard to keep up to date with all our activities.

You can find us at the Compass Cafe every second Thursday of the month serving our famous homemade cakes and fresh coffee. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information about any of our meetings, please ring Deirdre 01954 230897. www.swavesey-womens-institute.org.uk

BRoW4 is a non-profit fundraising group which is organising a New Year's Dog Walk to raise awareness and money for the Dogs Trust, Canine Partners, Medical Detection Dogs and Therapy Dogs Nationwide. The guided two mile walks take place on Sunday the 6th January 2019 at Hinchingbrooke Country Park, Huntingdon. The walks start from 10am, then every hour on the hour until the last walk at 2pm, so you can choose when you'd like to take part. It costs £10 to register and included in that fee is hot refreshments to warm you up afterwards. Dogs will also get a treat!

Please be aware that the weather at that time of year can be very cold and wet, so remember to dress appropriately. We will provide some towels for the dogs, but of course you are welcome to bring your own.

The money raised will be donated to our chosen dog charities. You will also have the option to raise money for any dog charity you choose

If you would like to take part, or for more information about BRoW4 and what we do, please visit our website www.brow4.com.

We are also on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/BRoW4fun/ where we post regular updates. We are always on the lookout for stalls and volunteers for our different events, so if you can't attend this one, please do contact us at info@brow4.com for details about our other events.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

Time goes so fast; we have just two meetings before we sign off for the Christmas break, both Club related; once we enter 2019 we hope to invite you along again to share some interesting events.

These last two evenings are the Annual Colour Print Competition on Dec 6th (now renamed in memory of our friend, 'The Joe Sipos Trophy', as we told you in your last magazine) and our President's Evening on Dec 13th. when our leader, Richard, has to devise a challenging night of games and quizzes, all on a photographic theme. Luckily there will be plenty of wine to stimulate our brain cells.

In the New Year we have several evenings which might be of interest to non-members, the first specially so, as it will be given by two well-known residents of Swavesey, Simon Shore and Nev Tait. Last year they and their wives, Kath and Sue, went together on a Wild Life photography tour of Namibia. We are sure many of their friends would like to come along and share their show with us, ' Namibia: A Desert Full of Wildlife.' It will be very soon after New Year, on the 3rd Jan, so we will put posters out to remind you, in case the festivities have used up all the time and energy you had for forward planning

The other two events which might be of interest to you all are again by well-known local photographers. The first of these is on Jan 24th, another chance to see the much-admired work of John Brackenbury, in his talk, 'Brief Encounters in Macro Space.' John has invented his own unique Macro-lens which produces astonishing, experimental images, probably unlike anything you have ever seen before. On 31st Jan, we have another visit from the very popular Ann Miles, 'Monochrome My Way', when she will show us more of her distinctive work, and explain her approach to black and white.

We have a workshop on Jan 17th, when our own Gordon Fuller will show us how to use various techniques to achieve fine Macro shots, with an opportunity to try for ourselves. We have only one club competition, our second Set Subject, 'Wonders of Cambridge' on Jan 10th, which might produce something unusual, as a few of our members went walkabout in the city in late October on a workshop with London street photographer, Dave Mason; he came the same night to show us his own work.

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
from
Swavesey Camera Club

Mo Hadfield
Swavesey Camera Club
www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

Swavesey & District History Society

September meeting. Around 45 members attended the first talk of the new season entitled "The History of Cambridge Railway Station" by Rob Shorland-Ball. Rob lives in York and is a former Deputy Head of the National Railway Museum in York and also worked on Cambridge Station as a goods porter in the 1950s and 1960s.

The station opened in 1845 and still has one of the longest single platforms in the UK, served by both Up (to London) and Down trains. Seventeen sites for the station were originally considered by the railway companies but all were rejected. The railway promoters promised a great increase in prosperity for Cambridge but the watermen on the Cam were very worried about loss of their river trade – they were soon proved right when the railway did arrive. The site eventually agreed disappointed many, being on agricultural land "in an inconvenient fenland meadow" purchased from Jesus college about a mile to the south east of the Market place. Very soon however, the town reached the railway with rapid building on the western side towards the town centre: Mill Road and East Road were soon lined with houses and a maze of little streets between Hills Road and Newmarket Road was laid out. Building soon crossed the railway with Romsey Town growing between the tracks and Coldham's Brook. Alongside the railway, industrial firms were attracted by the prospect of cheap land and cheap transport.

By 1873 many sidings had been constructed and a vast amount of goods traffic was being handled at the station which was said to be operated by "four railway companies in a tangle of mutual inconvenience", with GER, L&NWR, GNR and MR goods depots on site. A very complicated signalling system was put in place to successfully manage the, at times, frantic activity.

Jesus College retains a vast archive about the establishment of the station with numerous detailed maps, drawings and photos from the 1800s and some of these, along with many other photos were used to widely illustrate the talk.

October meeting. More than 50 attended to hear Tamsin Wimhurst, a Trustee of the David Parr House Charity, give a talk on an extraordinary house in Cambridge. Tamsin first saw the externally unimposing house at 186 Gwydir Street (off Mill road) in 2009 where she met Elsie Palmer, a 94 year old lady who had moved into the house in 1927 when her grandad died. Her grandad was David Parr who was born in Chesterton in 1855 and by the time he was seven, both of his parents had died of tuberculosis. The house was an astonishing time capsule with the walls and ceilings throughout much of the house decorated in the style of the grand interiors of the Victorian Gothic Revival churches and Arts & Crafts houses that David had worked on every day. He was a working-class Victorian 'artist-decorator' who worked for the Cambridge decorative arts company Frederick Leach & Sons in City Road, where the Grafton Centre is now. The company was known for its high quality work in Cambridge on Queens' Old Hall, Jesus College Chapel and All Saints' Church; and also, nationally including St James' Palace, with famous architects and designers William Morris, George Bodley and others.

The house was built in 1876 and David bought it in 1877 when he was 22. Over the next 40 years until his death in 1927 he spent much of his time painstakingly decorating his home in this small terraced house and his beautifully coloured and intricately patterned, hand-painted walls survive throughout much of the house. Gothic carvings and stained glass panels are there too. However, the house was also a family home, where Parr and his wife Mary raised three children. The house will be open to visitors in May 2019, albeit only a few at time.

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15.
To take part in this popular competition phone
Sally Unwin on 01954 230200. Latest winners are;

	£	September 2018	October 2018
First prize	60	Tracey Booth	Geoff Green
Second prize	30	Simon Shore	John Burgess
Third prize	15	Shirley Stokes	Sally Unwin

giving nature a home

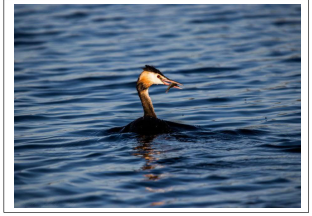
An update from
Fen Drayton Lakes

What has been happening?

As we head into winter, the 2018 breeding season is a distant memory. This means that we've begun our annual habitat management work around the reserve, to maintain and improve areas for breeding and resident species next year. These jobs will keep us busy until the spring as we work to ensure that the reserve provides ideal habitats for our target species.

The first of these jobs that we've been undertaking is the removal of willow scrub from Holywell reedbed. These trees grow and spread quickly and, if left, will take over a reedbed and dry it out to eventually become woodland. As reedbed is one of our most valuable habitats for species such as bittern and marsh harrier, we've spent a lot of time cutting the willow back from the edges where it encroaches and treating the stumps to prevent them from growing back.

The other job key job we have begun is the clearing of vegetation from the islands on Ferry Lagoon and Moore Lake. These islands are very important for our breeding terns, gulls and other wetland species that nest on bare ground so it is important to keep them clear of the vegetation that has a habit of taking over.



Great crested grebe on Ferry Lagoon – Paul Bolla

Wildlife

The autumn passage of migrating birds has ended, but interesting species could still turn up at any time after being blown off course, so it's always worth keeping an eye out when walking around the reserve. Wintering species have arrived and the tell-tale whistling call of wigeon can be heard on most of the lakes around the reserve whilst wintering thrushes and finches can be seen in the hedgerows.

Fen Drayton Lakes is currently a great place to come and see herons with five different species on site. Numbers of grey heron and little egret are still building up as they gather into wintering groups. They've now been joined by great white egrets on Moore Lake, too. Bitterns are also around with individuals being spotted in various locations around the reserve. The final species is the cattle egret, with up to six individuals moving around between Ferry Mere, Moore Lake and Drayton Lagoon

Get involved....

Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Informal volunteer-led guided walks take place on the second Wednesday of each month. There's no need to book and it only costs £3 for members and £4 for others. Walkers meet at the main car park, north of the busway, leaving at 10.15am.

Volunteering

We always need help to keep on top of our lengthy jobs list, keep our trails safe and our bird feeders topped up. If you'd like to find out about our volunteering opportunities, please get in touch.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk
Phone: 01954 233260

Visit **rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes**

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity:
England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654

A Glance at the Past in December and January
From the Cambridge Chronicle

1790, 30 Jan. Sale of Farmlands/Estate. Freehold farm comprising house, barns, stable, cow house, cart hovel in good repair, two Halfyards & one Quarteryard of land. Copyhold, Home Close 2 acres, an orchard & spinney adjoining occupied by John Papworth. Yearly rent £40. Mr Stocker will show premises.

1796, 24 Dec. Absconded from the Parish. Having been drawn for the supplementary militia, J.M. about 5 feet 2 or 3 inches high, brown hair: had on when he went away, a drill waistcoat, bearskin coat, with a cape & collar & leather breeches. A reward of 20/- will be paid to whoever gives information to the Parish Constable.

1804, 22 Dec. Windmill for sale with 2 Pair of Stones, well situated for trade at Swavesey. In substantial repair, & very good custom. Enquire M. Randall solicitor.

1812, 24 Jan. Married on Tuesday 21st, John Mansfield & Lucy Thorpe.

1812, 24 Jan. Thomas Cole died aged 61, he was a farmer.

1828, 5 Dec. Six bell ringing. At Swavesey on Monday last the following different peals of 720 changes in each peal were completed by the Swavesey Youths, each of the seven peals were rung in twenty five minutes apiece – the Tenor bell weighs 13cwt.

1840, 12 Dec. New schoolroom. Grant of £50 towards building two new schoolrooms.

1843, 28 Jan. Furious driving. Edward Mitchell of Swavesey charged with furious driving down Sydney St & Bridge St, Cambridge. Fined 5/-.

1850, 7 Dec. Smuggling. Attempt to defraud the Revenue. W.C., M alster of Swavesey was charged with evading duty payable on 788 bushels of malt at the County Court on Wednesday last. As the defendant did not attend he was fined £208-6-4d, being double the amount payable as duty on the 788 bushels. A levy warrant was issued against him.

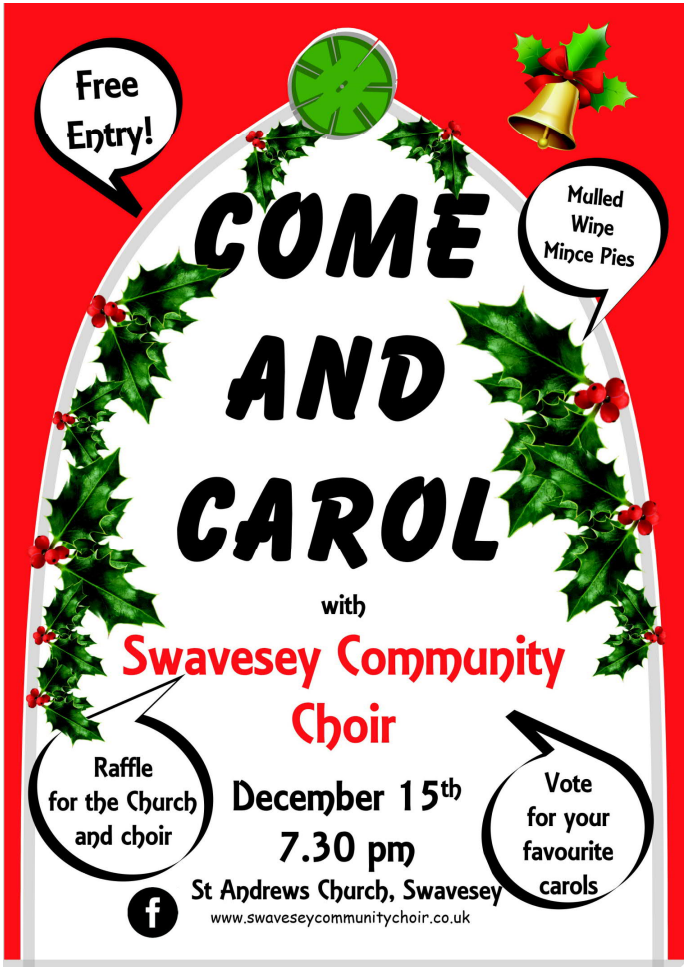
1857, 3 Jan. Hair breadth escape. William Savage, whilst oiling a horse threshing machine in motion when a piece of rag on his finger caught in the machine and he was dragged in and whirled around the spindle. Mr Carter instantly took steps to stop the machine. Savage was rescued, and his injuries included severe bruising and a cut chin.

1864, 2 Jan. Choir. Is in a tolerable state and will give a concert of secular music on the 5th inst.

1866, 13 Jan. Fall of a windmill. Last Monday morning about 9.30 a post windmill standing beside the Swavesey to Fen Drayton Footway, belonging to Mr. J. Radford, was blown down. Two of Mr. Radford's sons were in the mill at the time but were able to jump clear. (Editor's note, this mill was located on the site of the car park at Hale Road allotments).

1876, 22 Jan. The Late Floods. The Swavesey Committee applied to the Mansion House Relief Fund for assistance. A first grant of £200 to be equally divided between the labourers and the labouring farmers.

1897, 8 Jan. Bellringers enjoyed an excellent supper at the 'Priory', the residence of Mr. G. Long. Due to the kindness of Mr. Thomas Payne the widows and widowers received a gift of ½lb of tea and 1lb of sugar.



1st Swavesey Scout Group

Christmas Post

1st Swavesey Scout Group will be collecting and delivering Christmas cards within Swavesey Village for the 2nd year.

Cards can be dropped off in our Christmas post boxes at the following locations:

The Newsagent's, Le Mac Hairdressers and The Post Office/Londis Shop.

From 25th November to 16th December 2018.

Please ensure all cards are clearly named and addressed.

The cost is 20p per card.

All proceeds go to help the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

All Deliveries will be done by the 22nd December

If you cannot drop off your cards and would like them collected please contact either Lisa Boyes – 07747 002296 or Jim Burling – 07751 528285

The season has started well for most teams. The Saturday morning training sessions for girls and boys in reception, year 1 & have had good feedback and we are still open to more children coming along to take part. These sessions are open to all in these age groups.

As ever, we are looking for additional support in general for the club. We would be interested in anyone who has any good ideas around fundraising so if you would like to be involved, please feel free to contact Dave Morrison at swavesey.chairperson@gmail.com

VILLAGE NEWS

The real referendum

It's been a longer journey than some of us expected but pace is now gathering and we're on schedule to consult with the public next year on the Neighbourhood Plan. To get this far we needed to complete a few tasks; I name but a few;

- We have engaged with residents this year at a number of events
- We have completed a Character Assessment of Swavesey which has involved identifying zones with similar characteristics and capturing those buildings and viewpoints that we need to conserve and protect.
- We've successfully applied for support to develop a Village Design Statement. We are working with South Cambridgeshire District Council and two architectural design consultants for professional guidance to help shape new development.
- We have been meeting with the schools, surgery, drainage board and other key stakeholders in the village to identify how the Neighbourhood Plan can support their future plans.
- We have started drafting the Neighbourhood Plan which includes all the unique policy priorities which direct planners to consider what we want.

We've all heard the term 'referendum' used more than we would have liked but we will be delivering a Neighbourhood Plan for you to vote on next year. Watch this space!

And here we are (Selwyn is hiding behind the red curtain!)

On Saturday 1st December between 10 & 12noon we are holding a Children's Christmas themed activity morning, this will include a visit by Santa who will be giving out presents to all our young readers.

Its's free, there's refreshments and it's open to everyone, so please come along and join the fun.

Please note that we closed for two weeks over the Christmas break. Open on Thursday 20th December and then closed until we reopen on Saturday 5th January 2019.

Merry Christmas to all our readers and we hope to see you all at the library in the new year.

Swavesey Library can be found in the Old Entrance Hall Swavesey Village College, just follow the signs from the front SVC car park

If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

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Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first and third Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

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Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	**202707**		
Jacqui Fuller	**230774**	**Sarah Hellon**	**230960**
John Pook	**230978**	**Doug and Lorraine Hunt**	**232478**

We always welcome volunteers to help man the Library so please join us and keep your library alive!!!

New Coffee Shop open in Swavesey

Introducing THE NOOK,
5 Market Street, Swavesey CB24 4QG

We have recently refurbished the old Post Office into a quaint, family owned and run coffee shop, recently opened on 24th November 2018!

We look forward to serving delicious freshly ground coffee to our community as well as a selection of teas, hot chocolate, tray bakes, fabulous cakes and tasty snacks.

Pop in for a warm welcome! (Free WiFi and baby changing available)

Red cabbage with Bramley apple and walnuts (Recipe from the Allotments)

Ingredients

1 red cabbage, finely sliced.
25g butter.
1 Bramley apple peeled and grated.
1 bay leaf.
3 cloves.
100ml cider vinegar.
25g light Muscovado sugar.
Handful of walnuts toasted and chopped.

Method

1. Put the cabbage in a wide, shallow pan with the butter, apple, bay leaves and cloves.
2. Cook, stirring until the cabbage starts to wilt.
3. Add the vinegar (stand back and don't breathe in until the steam subsides) then continue to stir and cook until the vinegar has almost disappeared.
4. Add the sugar and stir until it has completely dissolved. Be careful not to let it burn.
5. Cook on a gentle heat until tender, stirring often.
6. Sprinkle with walnuts to serve.

This will freeze well, but let it thaw completely before gently reheating in a pan or microwave.

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Swavesey
Community Warden Service

Support for independent living
Regular contact gives peace of mind
Extra support during times of need

Some examples of what the Warden can help with:

- a listening ear
- making drinks and light meals
- watering plants
- feeding pets
- getting small items of shopping
- collecting prescriptions
- information and guidance

There is a small fee for the service which can be on a temporary or permanent basis according to need.

Please contact Tracey on 07436102736

Age UK Cambridgeshire & Peterborough
2 Victoria Street,
Chatteris, Cambridgeshire PE16 6AP

Eddie's
LOCAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

Eddie's is an award-winning charity based in Cambridge. We work across Cambridgeshire to provide lifelong opportunities for people, of all ages, with learning disabilities to create the lifestyle they choose and be equal and active members of the community.

Everything we do is about valuing and supporting people with a learning disability, and their families and carers. Our vision is a world where people with a learning disability are valued equally, listened to and included. We want everyone to have the opportunity to achieve the things they want out of life.

In 2016/17, we supported 650 children, young people and adults with learning disabilities and their families and carers across Cambridgeshire. 135 regular volunteers helped to deliver these services.

Volunteers are vital to us. Without them we couldn't deliver our services. Especially our young people's befriending scheme and family support service. Befriending involves volunteers being matched with a young adult and seeing each other every few weeks. In our Family Support Service volunteers are paired with a family and while the volunteer spends time with the child the parents can rest or spend time with their other children. Both services are incredibly flexible and up to the volunteers and match to decide when suits them, and what they want to do. It could be going for a walk, watching a film, heading to the supermarket or just having a cup of tea together.

We also have other volunteering opportunities in our Artworks service, theatre workshops and gardening projects. If anyone would like to find out more about our volunteering opportunities please contact volunteer@eddies.org.uk or visit our website www.eddies.org.uk

Thanks all round

We would like to thank everyone involved in the OWLS volunteer drivers scheme for taking us to appointments and social events which we otherwise could not get to. Those of us who are no longer able to drive would be trapped in the village , as the Guided Bus stop is too far for most of us, and you could hardly bring heavy shopping back on the bus. We do hope that this service will continue to be adequately funded.

Whilst writing, could we also thank our Village Warden, Tracy Booth, for her support and enthusiasm in the many and varied tasks she undertakes on behalf of Age UK.

With the increasingly ageing population, villages like Swavesey will become more reliant than ever on the support of kind-hearted and dedicated neighbours.

John and Margaret Ardley

Doctors Surgeries

Swavesey Surgery
(01954) 230202
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:-
www.swaveseysurgery.nhs.uk

Over Surgery
(01954) 231550
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:- www.oversurgery.nhs.uk

Longstanton
(01954) 207600
Out of hours 111
Website:-
www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Bar Hill Surgery
(01954) 780442
Out of hours (01954) 780442 -
call will automatically be diverted
Website:- www.mhmaple.co.uk/

Fenstanton
7E High Street, Fenstanton
01480 461873
Out of hours 01480 461873.
call will automatically be diverted
Website:-
www.northcotehousesurgery

See our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk for the full and latest surgery newsletters. Ed

URGENT! – volunteer drivers required

OWLS (Over, Willingham, Longstanton, Swavesey) Community Car Scheme urgently requires additional drivers to keep up with growing demand. Drivers receive 30p a mile (£3 min charge) from customers and 15p a mile from Cambridgeshire County Council and it is helpful if they can offer a minimum of one journey a week. Please ring the scheme's mobile for more details.

For many elderly people the winter brings with it worries about falling on slippery ground when out walking or concerns about driving in hazardous conditions. A walk to the doctors or local shop which was relatively easy in the summer or a drive to attend an outpatient appointment can seem a different prospect entirely in the winter months. If this applies to you, a family member, friend or neighbour then do consider using or suggesting OWLS to help with these journeys.

OWLS offers a door-to-door return service to those people who are unable to access other means of transport to attend medical appointments or make some social journeys. Drivers live in one of the four villages covered by the scheme and are all DBS checked.

For further details or to book a journey please ring the scheme's mobile number: 07505 254363 between 9am and 4pm Monday – Friday. If you reach the ansaphone please leave a clear message including your telephone number and the coordinator will ring you back.

The OWLS volunteer coordinators and drivers would like to wish all their customers a very Merry Christmas.

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Swavesey Music School

9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms II		8+yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms III		Grade 3+
NEW CLASS!	Rock School Rockets	guitars, drums	beginners
11am – 12pm	SMS Community Orchestra	instrumental ensemble	all levels; all ages
	Rock School	guitars, drums, vocals	9+yrs

Now in its 9th. Year!

Check out our new class: RS Rockets
Also, SMS Community Orchestra, open to all ages; adults, parents: why not pick up that instrument from youth and join us on a Saturday morning? Email for more information and to check availability.

£4 per session!

Swavesey Music School
Swavesey Village College
Gibraltar Lane
Swavesey
CB24 4RS

http://swaveseyms.co.uk/

APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET
BALLET AT OVER PRIMARY SCHOOL
THURSDAYS
AGE 3+ -17
CLASSICAL BALLET WITH FULLY TRAINED,
QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED TEACHER
ASSOC. MEMBER ARBTA ;MEMBER BDQT
DBS CHECKED "PREVENT" TRAINED
DETAILS www.abmschoolofdance.co.uk
CLASSES ALSO IN GIRTON HISTON & COTTENHAM

Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am
In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10–12noon
At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am.
Family with one child, £3.
More than one child, £4.
Under 6 months. £2.

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group – "Swavesey playgroups".
A great chance to meet local parents.

Adult Education at Swavesey Village College

Spring Term at Swavesey Village College

Have fun creating colourful Mosaics, get creative with Silver Jewellery making, refresh your Maths skills or get more active with Legs, Bums & Tums

Make the most of our **FREE** Parent Support Workshops

NEW *Workshops for Exam Stress,* ADHD & Stress & Anxiety in Children
Help! *My child has Dyscalculia. How* can I support their learning *at home and school?*

Saturday workshops *will be running* on 9th & 23rd March
Watercolour Spring Flowers, Indian Cooking for Dinner
Parties, Dichroic Stained Glass, Stone Carving
and many more....

For details of all our classes and to book your place please visit the college website ***swaveseyvc.co.uk, Community tab, email us on community@swaveseyvc.co.uk or call us on 01954 234488***

Education & Skills Funding Agency
Cambridgeshire County Council
European Union

Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambridge, CB24 4RS Phone: 01954 234488
Email: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

At last, The Local Plan has been agreed by the inspector with a range of comments including the need to review it in 12 months time. It has taken so long (a record for the inspectors!) that it is out of date because there have been so many speculative developments which have been agreed (and when a planning application is agreed you can not cancel the agreement) that houses will be built which now need to be taken into account in relation to the local plan designs. But there is a big advantage to having the plan agreed, the village envelop concept has to be taken into consideration so no more speculative developments.

The Local Plan was opposed by the Liberal Democrat members when it was prepared by the Conservative leadership 3-4 years ago, but now it has been agreed by the inspectorate it has to be accepted by the Council before it can be implemented. Therefore the new leadership went through the formal process and accepted it, but I am very concerned that the new portfolio -holder for planning, who has to implement the plan, would not vote for it as she does not agree with it. I believe this is unacceptable and I will continue to monitor and comment when I feel that her integrity is in question.

The loneliness agenda I introduced last year continues to be rolled out. A Toolkit for Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness has been launched and is now available. Anybody who wants to start a social activity can go to SCDC website (www.scambs.gov.uk/community/) and find information. e.g. if you want to start a social group for men like a workshop or card games it will tell you where there are groups you might learn from. What regulation you might need to consider and there is a development officer on the end of a phone to help you and answer questions. There is an awful lot going on in Swavesey but maybe there are people who are lonely, let's help them get involved.

The other idea that is being worked up is Timebanking. This enables people to meet, activities and jobs to be carried out and everybody involved to be valued. I am sure you will hear more as it is developed.

I am pleased to report that the Grants committee agreed to continue with the grant for Mobile warden scheme and made very little change to the eco grant scheme. I fear I will not be able to report the same for the Elite Athletes scheme but that is up for discussion next month - if you feel strongly about losing this grant send me an email.

I recognise that the A14 diversions continue to cause serious problems for many of our residents but I am not receiving as many complaints. I am very willing to continue to represent concerns - has it got better? Or have you lost the motivation to complain as nothing appears to be done?

As always contact me if I can help. I am sorry I have been without a house phone since August but my mobile works most of the time 07774146331 or email cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk.

Sue Ellington
Swavesey, Fen Drayton and Lolworth District Councillor

Swavesey Parish Council

Website:- www.swavesey.org.uk

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Memorial Hall Administrator Nicole Mullee	07963 861791	memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News September October 2018

COUNTY COUNCIL
The PC continues to discuss with County Council officers much needed highways improvements in the village. Improvements have been approved for outside the Primary School.

The PC has been notified that Fen Drayton Road will be closed for two days in December to allow work to be done as part of the new development Bloor Homes development. The PC is concerned that this will cause unreasonable disruption to traffic and have expressed this concern to County Council officers. At time of print we now understand the road will only be closed at night.

The PC is continuing to make representations to the Conservative Leader of the CC expressing concern about lack of support for the village due to our Ward Councillor's personal conflicts of interest. The PC is concerned that it is not adequately represented at a time when there are a significant number of developments happening in the village. Drainage and highways are of a particular concern. The PC has some locum County Cllr support from another Ward Cllr on some issues for which it is very grateful.

DISTRICT COUNCIL
The Local Plan has received national approval. Swavesey is now designated as a Minor Rural Centre, the development boundaries have not been changed.

The White Horse Inn has been successfully re-listed as a Community Asset.

A14 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME
The new Swavesey and Cambridge Services junction is due to be open at the end of October, with the old bridge being demolished later in November. Details of all road closures can be found on the Swavesey Parish Council website.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS
The PC is concerned that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is not very active and is keen to see a new Co-ordinator come forward. The PC discussed recent thefts in the village and the sighting of a white van. The police are aware of this but no action appears to have been taken, despite a number of requests. All residents are encouraged to report incidents to the police.

VILLAGE MATTERS
The PC is discussing the condition of the Recreation Green with the Football Club and soil experts to assess what course of action should be taken fill the gaps that have opened up during the recent dry spell. As much action is being taken as possible to ensure the safety of everyone using the Green.

COUNCIL NEWS

There are continuing complaints about the number of Mick George lorries travelling through the village. The PC has looked into the licence conditions and the current operations comply with all requirements. The operation of the site, vehicle movements and the effect on properties and the environment are being monitored.

A PC Working Group has been set up to oversee the development of the field off Boxworth End into a sports field. The village will be consulted about this.

DRAINAGE
The PC continues to press for progress on drainage issues with the Environment Agency with regard to the riverbank and with the District Council and Northstowe developers with regard to outstanding work at Mare Fen.

PLANNING
Cambridgeshire County Council is consulting on a Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan. This Plan includes a proposal for a new sand and gravel extraction site north of Hale Road. The PC has received a significant number of comments from residents and local businesses raising concerns about this proposal. These relate to noise, pollution, impact on Heritage Sites and the environment generally. These concerns have been summarised and submitted to the County Council.

The PC continues to consider the final details relating to the Bloor Homes development, off Fen Drayton Road, and has raised concerns about the proposed telemetry (water control) system. The PC has requested information regarding water flows and whether these have been agreed by the Environment Agency. The PC is pleased to see that there will not be any 2.5 storey homes following its objection and continues to discuss the possibility of managing the open space.

The PC is continuing to object with regards to surface water drainage management on the 30 new home development at 18 Boxworth End. The 70 new home site next to that has not yet submitted its detail application.

The Laragh Homes site for 56 new homes on land behind Home Close was withdrawn from Appeal.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING
The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is working with consultants to draft a Village Design Statement. This statement will describe the vision for the future of the village. Members of the group have met with the local schools, GP and other major stakeholders and is now starting to draft policies that will form the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan.

QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL

Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

113 Middle Watch, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire CB24 4RP.

LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE

(including activities for children of all ages)

All are Welcome

10:45 am weekly

First Sunday in the Month

Join us for "Church Around the Coffee Table" at 10:45am.
Why not come and try it?

Second Sunday in the Month

Our Morning service at 10:45am is followed by a themed "Prayer Gathering" at 1:00pm. Soup and Rolls is served!

Third Sunday in the Month

Join us for our Communion service at 10:45am, and Sunday Sanctuary at 7:00pm.

Visit our website for up to date information on our monthly prayer gathering, and other regular or special events.
www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you!

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Celebrate Christmas with us

Carols on the Green

SATURDAY, 22nd December @ 6:00pm on the Green

Carols by Candlelight

SUNDAY, 23rd December @ 7:00pm at Bethel

Come and join us for an evening of traditional Carols and Christmas Bible readings

Family Christmas Celebration

MONDAY, 24th December @ 4:00pm at Bethel

Join us for a family celebration on Christmas Eve

Christmas Day Service

TUESDAY, 25th December @ 10:45am at Bethel

Weekly Youth and Children Activities

Our youth activities ***(Superseekers and The Hub)*** continue during term time only

Contact information: **Tel: 01954 230458**

For pastoral issues, and enquiries on youth activities: contact: **Revd. David Mann** or email: **minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk.**

For all other enquiries, email: **admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk.**

GIVE YOUR FINANCES A NEW YEAR MAKEOVER

Trained members of Bethel Baptist Church in Swavesey are ready to help you gain control of your money matters with free sessions. Early in 2019, Bethel Baptist Church will again be running the popular CAP Money Course, which teaches a simple cash-based system that helps people know how to build a household budget in a matter of weeks. Nearly 20 local people have attended this course at Bethel in the last 2 years.

John Snead of Bethel said: "Many of us will have used credit cards or dipped into the overdraft to pay for Christmas. Our message is: please don't struggle on! Now really is the best time to put things in order and we can help to get your head in gear and take the practical steps to sort things out. When you know what you have in your account, and you know where it's going, you can plan for any big expenses like car repairs or a holiday and the stress is taken away."

A team from Bethel Church gained training from UK charity Christians Against Poverty to put on the course that now sees more than 10,000 people across the country gain money management skills each year. One person who went on the course said: "I heard about the CAP Money Course from a friend. I wanted to pay off my credit card and stay out of my overdraft. It changed my life! I never thought it could be so easy, but the CAP Money system is so simple."

John said: "Around three quarters of the people who turn to Christians Against Poverty for debt help across the UK say they had not had any tuition in budgeting and money management. We would rather people in our area have the skills to avoid serious debt problems and the best thing about the CAP Money system is that it's flexible, so as your income or outgoings change, it can help you stay on top.

"Perhaps you saw the BBC2 programme "The Debt Saviours", shown on October 5th, which highlighted how CAP helps people to climb out of severe debt. The CAP Money course is designed to help people avoid getting into such a distressing position in the first place."

The course will take place on 3 Tuesday evenings in January & February 2019, at Bethel Baptist Church in Swavesey.
To book your place, email capmoney@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk or call John Snead on 01954 230677

For more about the course see:-
https://capuk.org/i-want-help/cap-money-course/introduction, or just enter CAP Money into a search engine.

The CAP Money Course is the biggest provider of adult face-to-face money tuition in the UK. The free help is for everyone regardless of age, gender, faith or background.

Christians Against Poverty is determined to reduce hardship in the UK, through the local Church. It does this through hundreds of poverty fighting services, including Debt Centres, Job Clubs, Release Groups and Life Skills courses run around the UK, helping people develop basic financial and practical skills. It also trains churches to run hundreds of CAP Money Courses every year. All the services are given freely regardless of age, gender, faith or background.

St Andrew's Church News

Church News
Work continues on appointing a new long-term Priest-in-Charge for our parishes. The position has been advertised and interviews are scheduled to take place in the early New Year. Since the last Meridian we have been joined by the Revd Beth Cope. Beth's primary role is to start a new church in the ever growing Northstowe, based in the primary school. In addition, she will also spend a significant part of her time with the traditional village churches of Longstanton, Over, Swavesey and Willingham.

We have a busy programme of services this Christmas and hopefully something for everybody. This year we will be holding a Blue Christmas Service. Blue as in I am feeling the blues. This service is often held on the longest night and is primarily for people who are feeling down and not looking forward to Christmas often because of the loss of a loved one, facing life after a divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job or having to deal with a disease which puts a question mark over the future. Christmas is a time of much joy and by holding this service we hope to bring comfort to those who may not be looking forward to the festive time. Our Blue Christmas Service will be held at 4 p.m. on 23 Dec. Of course, we will have the traditional and popular Christingle Service at 4:30 p.m. on 2 Dec and our Carol Service at 5:30 p.m. on 21 Dec. Please come along and enjoy the real Christmas story.

St Andrew's has a Pastoral Care Team which is in place to support and encourage villagers whether they attend St Andrews or not and the Team can be contacted on 07534 564 066 or at Care_at_St_Andrews_Swavesey@yahoo.com. Should you require to talk to our Priest in Charge, the Revd Jenny Hill, she can be contacted at revdjennyhill@5folds.org.uk or on 07970949331.

If you would like information on baptisms, weddings or funerals then please contact us at our Office in Over on 203459 or email: admin@5folds.org.uk.

Church Events
Although by the time you read this, our Advent Fayre will have taken place, there is still time for you to come and look at the entries because they will stay on display in church until after Christmas. Do come and see them!

Why not combine your viewing with a musical taste of Christmas? We have a special seasonal concert just in time to fill you with Christmas cheer.

Friday, December 14th, 7:30pm A Medieval Christmas with Hexachordia

"A Medieval Christmas takes you on a musical journey from the onset of winter through Christmas and into the hope of the new year to come. The medieval and renaissance music that accompanies this journey comes mainly from England with a sprinkling of pieces from further across Europe. Interspersed with readings related to the experience of winter and the Nativity, Christmas celebrations and old traditions, Hexachordia captures in music and words the joy that is to be found at this time of the year."
(Further information at www.hexachordia.com)

Tickets can be obtained from www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church-swavesey
or Jacqui Fuller (01954 230774) price £6 each
with no charge for accompanied children under 16.

The Parish Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services and events of your parish church.

Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
3rd Sunday of the month	08:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Sunday Sanctuary – Bethel Baptist Church
4th Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	All Age Service with Baptisms
5th Sunday of the month	10:30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Holy Communion

To arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child please contact the Team Administrator or the Churchwardens:

Priest in Charge (Interim). Telephone: 07970 949331
Revd Jenny Hill Email: revdjennyhill@5folds.org.uk

Team Administrator. Telephone: 01954 203459
Gillian Beal. (Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 12:00) or
Email: admin@5folds.org.uk

To arrange use of the church for concerts or other events, please contact either of the churchwardens:

Mr Iain Campbell. Telephone: 01954 230019 or
Email: IainJ.Campbell@sky.com

Mr Martin Herrington Telephone: 01954 230894 or
Email: ms_herrington@yahoo.co.uk

For details of our Youth Group, Branches, or Sunday School Services, please contact:
Mrs Elizabeth Street Telephone: 01954 or
Email: street.el@virginmedia .com

St Andrew's Church Swavesey

The Parish Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

Children's Services

At present, we do not have a Sunday School for younger children but we have a range of "Busy Bags" hanging at the back of the church which contain books and activities for children under 11. Young people over 11 are very welcome at Branches, our youth group, which meets during the 11 a.m. service on the first, second and third Sundays of the month to study the Bible and discuss a range of subjects. There is an All Age Service on the fourth Sunday when the children join the main congregation.
Contact Elizabeth Street: Telephone 01954 232358
street.el@virginmedia .com

Bell Ringing

We have a bell ringing group that rings weekly before the 11:00 a.m. service. If you are interested in bell ringing please contact the churchwardens in the first instance.

Church Choir

Our Church choir welcomes new members. We're a friendly group that performs items for special services, accompanies the main church services and leads congregational singing. We cover a mix of traditional choral work and more modern styles. Pieces range from four-part to unison. We're particularly keen to recruit tenors and basses but all voices are welcome.
Contact John Mullett: Telephone: 077026 79191 or
Email: johnajmullett@gmail.com

Events Group

We host a variety of events and entertainment throughout the year for both the young and the not so young. Some events are for outreach and some to raise funds for the work of the church. If you would like to know about the events please see our notice boards at the church or contact our events leader.
Contact Jacqui Fuller: Telephone: 01954 230774
Email: Jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com

Compass Café

We host Compass Café on the third Thursday of each month at Bethel Baptist Church, 10.30 until 12 noon. Come along for a drink and a chat.

St Andrew's Church
Advent & Christmas Services

2nd	Dec 11 a.m.	Advent Sunday Service of Holy Communion
9th	Dec 11 a.m.	Morning Worship
16th	Dec 8 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
21st	Dec 5:30 p.m.	Carol Service
23rd	Dec 11 a.m.	All Age Service
23rd	Dec 8 p.m.	Blue Christmas Service
24th	Dec 4 p.m.	Crib Service
24th	Dec 11:30 p.m.	Midnight Mass Communion
25th	Dec 11 a.m.	Christmas Day Communion
30th	Dec 10:30 a.m.	Benefice Holy Communion

SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Roman-Catholic Parish
19 Needingworth Road, St Ives, Cambs. PE27 5JT
served by the Congregation of the Missionaries of
Our Lady of La Salette (English, Polish, Italian)

Parish Priest: Father Karol Porczak MS

Tel: 01480 462 192
www.sacredheart-stives.org.uk
email: office@sacredheart-stives.org.uk

Mass Times:
Saturday 17.00 (Anticipatory)
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	A voluntary group who meet on the first Monday each month to set out the vision for Swavesey and the planning policies needed to manage development according to the wishes of the local community. **See** http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/ **or Email:** clerk@swavesey.org.uk for more information
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:- www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). care-network.org.uk/
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Sgt Phill Barrett phone 07786981380
Over District Girlguiding Swavesey and Over	**Unit** / **Evening** / **Contact** Swavesey Rainbows / Thurs / caroline@overroad.co.uk Swavesey Brownies / Mon / swaveseyguides@gmail.com Swavesey Guides / Thurs / swaveseyguides@gmail.com Over Rainbows / Mon & Tue Over Brownies / Wed & Thurs Over Guides / Tue * For information about the Over units or to volunteer in girlguiding, please email:- overdistrictcomm@gmail.com
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact:- Chairman - Dave Morrison on 07469 170318 Secretary - Colin Baker on 0797 6636771 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on 07803050234 s2art53@yahoo.co.uk
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet on Tuesday at the Scout Hut on the SVC site Beavers - 16:45 to 17:45 Contact: Marian Bentley Email: marian.bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk Cubs - 18:00 to 19:15 Contact: Jim Burling Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk Scouts - 19:30 to 21:00 Contact: Jim Burling Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other Scouting issues Contact: Jim Burling Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged 2 – 4 years) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email evandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone 01954 273312 or 07803 812221.
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details see: www.swaveseyms.co.uk

Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.
British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974.
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert Bond 01954 201645 RBL or robert.bond4@ntlworld.com
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email graham.waites566@btinternet.com
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring John Turner (01954) 202076.
Fenland Squash Club	If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000) Website: www.fenlandsquash.org.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Global Resources Centre, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at Over Town Hall starting in September at 7.30pm Contacts: Frances Parish: 01480 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

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Also supply your name and contact details, and return to the Editor by the copy date. We will endeavour to include it in our next issue.

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